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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : Jackowski et al.
INVENTION : **Biopolymer Marker Indicative of
Disease State Having a Molecular
Weight of 1424 Daltons**
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